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LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Please amend claims 1, 6-8, 10 and 11 and add new claim 13 as follows.

1. (Currently amended) An orally administered agent free of a bioadhesive layer, comprising a drug-containing layer and a water-swellable gel-forming layer, wherein said water-swellable gel-forming layer is provided as an outermost layer of said orally administered agent.
2. (Original) The orally administered agent according to claim 1, wherein said orally administered agent is a film-shaped preparation.
3. (Original) The orally administered agent according to claim 2, wherein said water-swellable gel-forming layer contains a water-swellable gel-forming agent and a film-forming agent.
4. (Original) The orally administered agent according to claim 3, wherein said water-swellable gel-forming agent is a cross-linked carboxyvinyl polymer, and said film-forming agent is a polyvinyl alcohol.

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5. (Original) The orally administered agent according to claim 4, wherein said cross-linked carboxyvinyl polymer is a carboxyvinyl polymer cross-linked by a polyvalent metal compound.

6. (Currently amended) The orally administered agent according to ~~any of claims 3 through 5~~ claim 3, wherein the content of said water-swellable gel-forming agent in said water-swellable gel-forming layer is 15 to 70 wt%, and the content of said film-forming agent in said water-swellable gel-forming layer is 30 to 85 wt%.

7. (Currently amended) The orally administered agent according to ~~any of claims 1 through 6~~ claim 1, wherein said water-swellable gel-forming layer can mask the taste and/or smell of a drug contained in said drug-containing layer.

8. (Currently amended) The orally administered agent according to ~~any of claims 1 through 7~~ claim 1, wherein said drug-containing layer contains an edible polymer as a base.

9. (Original) The orally administered agent according to claim 8, wherein said edible polymer is cellulose and/or a cellulose derivative.

10. (Currently amended) The orally administered agent according to claim 8 or ~~claim 9~~, wherein the content of said edible polymer in said drug-containing layer is at least 20 wt%.

11. (Currently amended) An orally administered agent/supporting substrate complex comprising the orally administered agent according to any one of claims 1 through to 10, and a supporting substrate that supports the orally administered agent, wherein said orally administered agent is provided on said supporting substrate either directly or via an intermediate layer.

12. (Original) The orally administered agent/supporting substrate complex according to claim 11, wherein said supporting substrate has a gripping part and a mouth-inserting part, and said orally administered agent is provided on said mouth-inserting part.

13. (New) An orally administered agent free of a bioadhesive layer comprising a drug-containing layer and a water-swellable gel-forming layer, wherein said water-swellable gel-forming layer is provided as an outermost layer of said orally administered agent, and wherein the agent can be swallowed without getting stuck in a trachea.